

Portland, Oregon

**FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT
For Council Action Items**

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator Jennifer Devlin		2. Telephone No. 503.823.6182	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. BES/Watershed Services
4a. To be filed (hearing date): October 31, 2012	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular Consent 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst: October 18, 2012
6a. Financial Impact Section: X Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: X Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title: Authorize three-year grant agreement with SOLV to involve community volunteers in watershed restoration, maintenance and monitoring activities.

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

Partner with SOLV's Team Up for Watershed Health program to provide support to 6 active, 11 monitoring and 1 prospective sites in Portland to engage the community in watershed restoration, stewardship and education activities.

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

- City-wide/Regional Northeast Northwest North
- Central Northeast Southeast Southwest East
- Central City

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.
No.

5) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years. If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required. If there is a project estimate, please identify the *level of confidence*.)

The costs are \$20,000 per year for three years for a total of \$60,000. Cost Center is 9ESWS0000073, 529000.

6) Staffing Requirements:

- Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? (If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term, or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)

No positions will be affected by this legislation

- Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) Change in Appropriations *(If the accompanying ordinance amends the budget please reflect the dollar amount to be appropriated by this legislation. Include the appropriate cost elements that are to be loaded by accounting. Indicate "new" in Fund Center column if new center needs to be created. Use additional space if needed.)* N/A

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

YES: Please proceed to Question #9.

NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

The community is the beneficiary of this proposal. Community members are invited to participate in the restoration of urban waterways in a variety of ways. Some citizens are site hosts and gain technical experience in restoration and go on to become mentors for others. Some participants lend a hand for a day, supporting the work by hauling off trash, removing invasive plants or planting native trees. Others are paid youth work crews developing job skills. Students work on sites, adding value to their science curriculum. Congregations get involved as a way to strengthen their community and put their stewardship values into action.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

Active Site hosts include: Stonebridge Apartment residents, Friends of Baltimore Woods, Lewis and Clark College and Law School, private property owners on Tryon Creek and Wilson HS Green Club.

Monitoring Site hosts include: Rizwan Mosque, Friends of Wilkes Creek, Crystal Springs Apartments, St. Nicolas Orthodox Church, Quail Creek HOA, Nevah Shalom and the Trillium Creek Neighbors, Portland Opera, and many more.

Volunteers included students from Madison, Cleveland, Lincoln and Riverdale HS, Portland State University, University of Portland, Reed College, Portland Community College and Lewis and Clark College. Many other organizations also provide volunteers such as Hands-On Portland.

Individuals and groups are also involved in site selection. Groups like the Tryon Creek Watershed Council field request for restoration in their watershed and forward sites for consideration as SOLV sites. The Friends of Baltimore Woods engaged their community to identify sites which resulted in on-the-ground projects and caught the eye of public agencies, which in turn invested in the effort. The Johnson Creek Watershed Council and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council also partner on these projects.

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

The public is involved as an ongoing part of this item. The public shapes this item by volunteering on the Board of SOLV, hosting sites, promoting the activities in their watersheds and doing the work.

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

SOLV staff manage most of the public involvement one sites are selected, though other partners use their connections to involve their constituents. Jennifer Devlin from BES provides public involvement oversight for the project.

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

Jennifer Devlin, Environmental Program Coordinator, BES jennifer.devlin@portlandoregon.gov 503-823-6182

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

Public involvement is ongoing. New sites will require initial public involvement such as a site in the Tryon Creek Watershed working with students from Wilson HS.

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APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD Dean Marriott *DM*



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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City Council
Agenda Item
Staff Supplemental Report

TO: Commissioner Dan Saltzman
THROUGH: Matt Grumm or Amy Trieu

FROM: Jennifer Devlin 503-823-6182

DATE: September 26, 2012

RE: Authorize three-year grant agreement with SOLV to involve community volunteers in watershed restoration, maintenance and monitoring activities.

Requested Council Hearing Date: October 31, 2012

I. RECOMMENDATION

Authorize three-year grant agreement with SOLV to involve community volunteers in watershed restoration, maintenance and monitoring activities

II. BACKGROUND

The City of Portland has been supporting SOLV's Team Up for Watershed Health for sites in Portland since 2002. SOLV's Team Up program has goals that include: Mobilize community volunteers and other resources; make a measurable improvement in watershed health; create community partnerships focused on watershed restoration projects; provide technical information, training and support; educate citizens about watershed restoration; and create the foundation for long-term stewardship of watersheds.

Sites are selected with input from watershed councils and other individuals and community partners. Criteria for site selection includes: potential for significant habitat improvement, ability to control invasive weeds with manual methods (except knotweed), volunteers can be involved in all aspects of site restoration, the site is not a mitigation site, and that the site is accessible and safe for volunteers. Currently, our agreement includes 5 active sites and 11 sites in the monitoring phase.

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$20,000 per year for three years from BES sewer operating funds ESWS000007

IV. LEGAL ISSUES

None.

V. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

None.

VI. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES

On March 8, 2006, the Council adopted the 2005 Portland Watershed Management Plan which describes actions for watershed health including citizen led activities such as natural area revegetation, education, involvement and stewardship.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

For fiscal year 2012-13, SOLV will engage citizens, scouts, school groups and work crews in on-the-ground streamside restoration, maintenance and monitoring at five active sites and eleven completed sites:

Johnson Creek

Active restoration

Johnson Creek Stonebridge Apartments -1.5 acres (Started 2012, to complete 2017)

Site preparation activities began on May 8, 2012. Planting will begin in the fall of 2012. Upon graduation of Stonebridge, SOLV will work with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council to continue the maintenance of the site by supporting them to participate in SOLV-IT (Earth Day) and at least one Beach and Riverside Clean-up event.

Monitoring

Crystal Springs SE Miller Street Apartments - .75 acres (Started 2009, to complete 2012). Planting at Crystal Springs is complete and SOLV will work during the summer and fall months (2012) on maintenance and watering activities. The site receives ongoing restoration and maintenance from a homeless man in coordination with SOLV staff.

Willamette

Active restoration

Baltimore Woods – McDonald/Eads property - 1.0 acre (Started 2009, to complete 2014)

SOLV will continue working closely with the Friends of Baltimore Woods by reaching out to the neighborhood and increasing the numbers of dedicated volunteers. SOLV will work to secure additional funding, to expand outreach to involve area schools including Roosevelt High School and De La Salle High School through the Green Team program. Outreach includes mailings, door-to door conversations and neighborhood meetings.

Monitoring and additional project

OMSI 1.0 acres (2007 - 2011)

Though complete, this project area has become a special project of the Portland Chapter of the Association of Landscape Architects in partnership with OMSI.

Columbia Slough

Active restoration

New Site - SOLV will work with project partners including the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and BES to identify a new Columbia Slough site for 2012-13, and possibly – with adequate funding - involve a local school (to be determined) through the SOLV Green Team program. If a site is selected in the fall of 2012, preparation would begin in early 2013 and one community tree planting could occur in the spring of 2013.

Monitoring

Wilkes Creek - 2 acres (Started 2002 - complete 2009)

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council/ Riverview HOA partnership, developed with the support of SOLV last year, will ensure ongoing maintenance of the site. The CSWC continues to lead the effort going forward. SOLV's programs support the effort through SOLV-IT (Earth Day); the annual statewide Beach and Riverside Programs and Project Oregon (year-round). Through these programs SOLV helps recruit volunteers and offers small grants to local grassroots leaders.

Tryon Creek

Active Restoration

Lewis and Clark Law School - 7 acres (started 2007 – to complete 2014)

A portion of the restoration for this site was funded by the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. SOLV began working at Tryon Creek's Lewis & Clark Law School site in 2007. SOLV has been successful enhancing approximately 2.5 acres of the 7 acres. Much of the remaining

area of the site is inundated with English ivy on steep slopes and is not appropriate for volunteers. SOLV will work with volunteers on 1.5 acres of modestly sloped area and work with BES and West Multnomah SWCD on addressing the area with steep slopes.

SW Spring Garden & 30th – 1 acre (New 2012 – to complete 2015)

The Tryon Creek Watershed Council has a pending application into the Oregon Watershed Enhancement board that, if awarded, will help with additional funds to take on the active restoration activities that can begin in September 2012. We will engage Wilson High School students (25), through SOLV's Green Team program and remove invasive vegetation and plant 700 native plants by April of 2013.

Monitoring

Markham Rain Garden - .3 acres – 2008 - 2011

Goff site -1.5 acres – 2008 - 2011

Rizwan Mosque - 1 acre – 2008 - 2011

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church -1.5 acres – 2008 - 2011

SW Spring Garden Extension - .5 acres – 2008 - 2011

Quail Creek - 3 acres – Graduate 2004 - 2011

SW Primrose - .6 acres; added .25 with adjacent property owner in 2009 – 2002 - 2011

Fanno Creek

Monitoring

Trillium Neighborhood and congregations 1.5 acres (2006 - 2011)

VIII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

Vermont Creek – Corrado Easement 2.7 acres (2011) funded by West MSWCD

Cedar Mill Creek – Forest Heights Homeowners Association 1.5 acres (2011) funded by WMSWCD

Baltimore Woods – 6710 N. Catlin – 1.5 acres (Started 2011, to complete 2016) At least two plantings will take place on the Catlin site, which has some additional funding from East Multnomah SWCD.

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board - Grant support for Tryon Creek SW Spring Garden & 30th.

IX. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED BY THIS ACTION - N/A

IF THIS ACTION IS CONTRACT-RELATED, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON M/W/ESB PARTICIPATION (NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE) - N/A

- X. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS LICENSE? ____ WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER? ____ IS THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT? ____ IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS OWING? _____